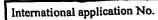
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Industrial applicability (IA)

The system as per claim 1 constitutes a development of the system known from EP 0 062 753 B or EP 0 778 236 A. In the type of system described in the preamble of claim 1, flexible sheeting, in particular textile sheeting, is laid in zigzag folds, forming a layer of folded sheeting. The resulting layers of folded sheeting are manually stacked, packaged in a container and further processed in the textile industry.

The processing operations can be at least partially automated in that a transfer device is associated with the laying device, can produce a layer of folded sheeting having a predeterminable size, and permits the resulting layer of folded sheeting to be directly or indirectly transferred into a packaging container, while a memory-programmable controller controls the system components.

The claimed combination of features cannot be obviously derived from the available prior art. The subject matter of claim 1 therefore involves an inventive step.

Claims 2-18 are dependent on claim 1 and therefore likewise meet the PCT novelty and inventive step requirements.